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## Dalton Girl Dead

Miss Ida Hermann, for some time employed as clerk in the general merchandise store of Will Stewart at Dalton, was taken violently sick last week and sent to a hospital at Moberly where she died Saturday.

The exact cause of her death was not reported but it seems that she ate some sort of fruit and was poisoned by it.

Miss Ida was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baptist Hermann who live south of Dalton and was a young woman of good business qualifications, sociable and attractive and her parents and friends have the deepest sympathy of the community. Interment was Monday and a large crowd was present to indicate their esteem for the deceased, the state of the weather preventing a much larger assembly.

## Mrs. Mary E. Schooler

The many friends of Hon. Tom P. Schooler of Salisbury will deeply sympathize with him over the loss of his life partner Monday. Mary E. Schooler had been sick for some time and Monday the end came at her home in spite of all the earthly skill and care. She was born Aug. 25, 1868, and with her husband had been a resident of Salisbury for several years. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday and interment in the city cemetery.

A more extended notice of Mrs. Schooler's death will be found in Salisbury Scribbings in this issue.

## Chariton Woman Executive

The Woman's State Democratic Central Committee named Mrs. B. Hughes of this city one of the executive committee last week. We congratulate the committee on its selection of one capable, energetic and one of the best organizers and offer the assurance that so far as this county is concerned, Mrs. Hughes will take care that the party loses no votes and perform her other duties as thoroughly and punctually as any other one of the committee.

Archie Carter, O. P. Ray and Luther Wright were among those from this section who were witnesses in the Finnell-Chilcott change of venue case at Huntville circuit court Tuesday.

The bronze Memorial Tablet was received by Mr. J. O. Richardson Monday and will be placed at the northeast corner of the circuit clerk's office at the court house. The tablet is a nice one and contains the names of thirty two Chariton county boys who were killed or died in service in the world war. No ceremonies will attend the placing of the tablet but at some later day it is expected to dedicate it to the memory of the boys who sacrificed their lives for America.

Miss Mae Billups, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Billups west of town was united in marriage Nov. 28 to Mr. Mike Pearman of Brunswick, Chas. H. Owen performing the ceremony. The newly weds will make their home in Brunswick where the husband is employed. Mrs. Mae Billups Pearman is a young woman of sterling qualities, fine appearance and qualified in all departments of domestic life in addition to possessing an education and literary tastes. We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Pearman and extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life and our commiserations of Mr. and Mrs. Billups who lose their daughters as rapidly as they reach marriageable age.

## ANOTHER STOLEN CAR

Kansas City Owner of Dodge Ownership Questioned Tools Missing

Last week we gave an account of the recovery of a Ford touring car identified and taken from the possession of R. P. Carroll of this city by Rev. Hughes of Warrensburg and the adjuster for an automobile insurance company. This week chief Gordon located a Dodge car at the Spot Cash Garage which was alleged to have been stolen and for which Illinois Automobile Exchange of Bloomington was advertising. Chief Gordon had a card mailed him several days ago which accurately described the Dodge and he served notice on the garage manager to hold the car until he could get word from the insurance company at Bloomington. He was directed to hold the car pending the arrival of an adjuster for the company and the owner of the car, both of whom live in K. City.

R. P. Carroll advertised in the K. City Star for a Dodge car and on the 6th of Nov. received a letter dated Nov. 5 from E. G. Hunter on stationery of Cooper Motor Co. located at 1616 8 Grand Ave. K. City which letter advised Mr. Carroll that he had a Dodge which he thought would fill the requirements of the would be purchaser, and that while he, Hunter, held the car at \$1000, if Carroll would take it at once he might have it for \$850. Carroll directed him to send the car on and he would take it. The Dodge car of Mr. R. W. Yantis of K. City was stolen between 12 and 3 p. m. Nov. 8 from in front of the Shriners temple where Mr. Hunter was being guided by a camel over the sands. The Dodge was not there when Mr. Yantis dismounted from his desert steed and sought more rapid means of navigation. He notified Mr. C. Hansen, the adjuster for the insurance company that he was minus his car and Mr. Hansen got busy. The car was stolen in the afternoon of Nov. 8 and that night or rather next morning at about two o'clock, two negro men arrived here with the car after pulling Prof. Will White and his car load of girls from a mudhole in which they were stuck on their return from a basket ball game at Mendon. The negroes brot the car into town, aroused R. P. Carroll who inspected the machine with the aid of the car lights and a flash light, was suited with his purchase, paid the negroes \$850 in cash and took possession and returned to the hay to dream of joy rides and profits.

That Mr. Carroll has been imposed on by unscrupulous dealers in cars, there can be no doubt, but he expects to recover his money for the Dodge, knowing the seller, but has pocketed his loss on the Ford, not knowing the impostor.

Mr. Yantis and the adjuster arrived Wednesday morning with all sorts of identification of the Dodge, but still Mr. Carroll refused to surrender it until a bill of sale had been produced showing Yantis the owner beyond question. A replevin of the machine and it was turned over to Yantis, who left for home with his car yesterday morning.

But the tools were gone and Mr. Carroll handed Sheriff Hurt a box of tools and told him to get what belonged to Yantis. The replevin case will settle ownership if indeed it is not already conceded.

## Farm Bureau Notes

By Sam Jordan

### Whom Shall We Worship?

Just now most folks are worshipping men. This does not say that man is the only object of worshipping men. This does not say that man is the only object of worship but are we not giving men the greater share?

Then who, or what class of men are we worshipping? Two sorts at least seem to occupy the center of the stage with some lesser lights in the "offing".

First, perhaps, come the men with money, or possibly the men who have been elected to some important office. Then follow military men and men "born great."

The Prince of Wales who is prince not by winning his spurs but by the accident of birth. Not-with-standing all the gust and slobber and other considerations we bestowed upon him he does not seem to be "spoiled" much, and we really like him simply because he seems a likeable chap in spite of all the attention he gets.

He will sure be a winner if he can escape becoming a dangerous ruler. He may some day discover his power, and when he does, he may abuse it the same as other folks commonly do.

I cannot see that greater honors are due him, than are due any clean young man who is making the most of his opportunities. It both are doing their best with the powers they possess then honors should be equal in the event that honor or worship should come to any body for simply doing his duty. I cannot see why we should show more honor, nor parade to a greater extent the general who commands the army than the doughboy who went "over the top" if both did their full duty to the best of their ability.

I cannot see why we should be more concerned about the child born in a mansion than we should be about the one born in a cottage. The cabins of America no doubt saw the birth of more great Americans than the mansion has ever seen.

Every baby born in our Republic should look alike to our Republic. The Constitution says they are "born equal" but how sadly are we forgetting or disbelieving the Constitution?

In the last analysis should any especial honor or worship attach to any body simply because he does his duty?

Every man owes that obligation to himself, but dishonor should surely attach to the person who does less than his duty.

Man worship will lead our country to disaster.

Man worship breeds Bolshevism and anarchy, or class hatred, its all the same thing.

Why would it not be well for the country if we could drift to the older days in this one matter, when we counted our neighbor almost as good as we counted ourselves?

### Dangerous Pests

Possibly the worst one in sight now is the European Corn Borer. So far as we know it is still confined to New York state and Mass.

We have too many now and while we cannot get rid of them entirely we can do a lot to help.

Some harbor in the ground and many in weeds and grassy places.

Old fence-rows full of weeds, brush and grass are ideal places for them. Grassy and weedy hollows are just as bad. For pests in the ground, winter plowing is the best known cure. Exposure kills them and birds find many of them. If corn last season was badly worm eaten

## MEXICO PACIFIC

Consular Agent Jenkins Freed War Clouds Thinned Pocket Chip

The badly strained relations between the U. S. and Mexico have ended temporarily by some one-bailing out of prison consular agent Jenkins. The U. S. is investigating to learn who did it and why. The situation entirely in the hands of President Wilson. Annexation of Texas and Arizona appear to have been contemplated by Carranza.

Judge Dorsey W. Shackelford of Jefferson City was in town Wednesday. The judge is looking fine.

Angus Wrenn went to Moberly the first of the week to finish up the attention to an operation performed on him there some time ago.

Roy C. Pollard who was reported killed in action in France is at home and, like all soldier boys, hearty and active. For quite a time Roy's parents and neighbors had given him up for good.

Our readers will have to bear with us for a while and also would be advertisers for whom we had no space. Look over the paper for the explanation.

The biggest sale of thoroughbred cattle ever in the county was held Wednesday in spite of the cold weather. C. C. Parks and son had arranged for the comfort of those attending but the change in train service prevented many buyers from a distance from being on hand. The sale will total nearly \$15,000. Poland Angus cattle sold below their value but the mules and hogs brot top prices.

Rev. and Mrs. Franc Mitchell celebrated their Golden Wedding at Montgomery City, Mo., Nov. 10 and they are to be congratulated more particularly on their good health. Rev. Mitchell was licensed to preach at this city in 1874 and for years was the pastor of the Presbyterian churches at this city, Brunswick and other points in the county. Franc Mitchell and Miss Libbie Goodwin Pierson were united in marriage at Augusta, Ill., Nov. 10, 1869, and their first home was at Arrow Rock, Mo. In addition to their daughter, Miss Margaret and son Homer P. Mitchell and his wife and daughter there were present at the 50th anniversary a number of old friends from a distance and a nice purse and other remembrances were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Franc Mitchell. Rev. Mitchell has been the stated clerk of the Synod of Missouri for twenty two years. The old friends of the family as well as his former congregation will extend heartiest congratulations.

and the same ground put to corn again, it should be winter plowed if possible.

Fire does the work best, quickest and easiest for grassy and weedy places, and old hedge rows should be cleaned up.

Straw piles furnish a good harbor for chinch bugs as well as for many other pests. If these straw piles could be scattered during the early or midwinter on wheat, alfalfa, clover, meadow or pasture the insects that might be present will be mostly destroyed by weather, and the straw put on young alfalfa may be the only means of saving the late seeded patches. It always helps protect wheat and becomes fertilizer as well. Make some use of the straw for something else than a bug harbor.

## Ovation For Sam Jordan

Our county farm adviser, Mr. Sam Jordan, was on the program at the big corn show in Gentry county Nov. 21 if indeed he was not largely responsible for the great interest in that progressive move. The Albany Capital pays highest tribute to Mr. Jordan and says that a throng from all over the county greeted the distinguished agriculturist, hundreds being turned away from the big court room where he addressed the multitude and aisles, windows and doors crowded with those determined to hear him. The Capitol says Mr. Jordan was not only enthusiastically received but was vociferously applauded all thru his address, which, the Capital says, is entitled to rank with the best ever heard in the county. Such sentiments as "it is the duty of every man who wants to be respected while alive and who hopes that his name shall live on after he is dead and gone, to render some service to his country and his fellow men during his life time" struck home in the minds of his hearers, and the speakers insistence that the best efforts of every man belonged to his country and fellow men, met with unanimous approval. Mr. Jordan said that there were many possessed of the means, rich men, in communities who were not worth, while alive, the \$2.69 his carcass would bring as a fertilizer after death and disintegration and the multitude acquiesced heartily to the truth of the statement.

Perhaps the most valuable suggestion made by the speaker was advice to young men to cultivate ambition to do one thing or a very few things, well, since none could hope to be successful by undertaking to be a specialist in a number of different lines. Yes, it was Sam Jordan Day, and the Capital closes a long article descriptive of the occasion and laudation of the distinguished speaker in these lines: "Gentry county takes pride in Sam Jordan and the practical work he has done and is doing. We are convinced that because of his practical teaching and homely preaching, more corn is being raised on every intelligently attended corn farm in Missouri than was grown prior to the campaign of education which he inaugurated years ago and which has since been carried on by himself and the hundreds of practical corn men who have come after him. We believe that he has been of more real worth to our state than any other preacher, teacher, statesman or screecher who ever claimed Missouri as his home. With this belief, it has been a gratification to all of us that such a splendid crowd, made up of representative citizens from all parts of the county, was here to greet and to do honor to this native son of Gentry county and to make so complete a success of 'Sam Jordan Day.'"

And Chariton county has the distinction, not only in Missouri but all over the Union, of having the services of the acknowledged best farm adviser in the country and his engagement here due to the knowledge of what is good for us and how to get it, on the part of a comparative few of the progressive farmers and business men of the county tho the entire county benefits by his employment. By all means, let's retain the best as long as his talents are not demanded at Washington.

Mrs. L. H. Kuhn of DeWitt is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Rucker this week. Handsome little Miss Estill Rucker who has been visiting in Carrollton, returned with her grandmother.

## COAL STRIKE ENDS

14 Per Cent Wage Advance Mines Now Open Relief Soon

The recommendation of president Wilson to the head of the miners organization was accepted Wednesday and nearly half million miners went to work all over the country yesterday and today.

The situation had grown fearfully acute and closing down business of nearly every kind was going on for want of coal. The president of the miners union did all in his power to have the proposition of president Wilson for the miners to accept 14 per cent advance until a committee to arbitrate could pass on the controversy between miners and mine owners, and in the mean time there is to be no advance in the price of coal. Prosecution will follow a raise in the price of coal and fuel directors are on the look out for offenders everywhere.

### Local Coal Mining

Many of the old time miners have done their utmost to supply local demands for coal and have endeavored to distribute so that each household and business house could keep their fires going. At each little mine in the county more or less digging has been done and but for the pretty general use of coal by people in the country of late years, the towns would have been well supplied but as soon as a load or half load or a few pounds were on the bank at any mine, there was a wagon from the country on hand to grab it. Of course it could not be denied them any more than furnishing any one else needing a fire, but the supply for the towns was cut down a whole lot.

One of the good features of the action of local miners in the circumstances is the fact that they have not raised the price of coal at their banks nor have haulers extorted on coal users. It was a time when people would have been willing to pay almost any price to fill their bunkers with the black diamonds and our local barons had the chance to follow the hoggish example set by big operators, but they did not, and now that the big strike is over and coal will be produced as rapidly as it can be got out of the ground and distributed, and, if the fuel administration is to be relied upon to an extent greater than heretofore, there will be no raise in price, it is up to all of us at home to patronize the home miners for all the coal they can supply at the price they have so graciously charged when they could have gotten much more for their output.

### U. D. C. Meeting

The U. D. C's. will meet at 7:30 Monday evening December 15 at the home of Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor. A full attendance is desired.

Seems as though winter has arrived.

The lecture delivered at The American Theatre last week by Dr. Keene of St. Louis was a decided treat to those who heard him. Dr. Keene is out at the instance of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis, for the purpose of instilling new life into rural communities, and he has fine ideas and expresses them rapidly. It is to be regretted that the evening was such as to prevent a larger turn out to a man who knows and who is worth time to hear.